CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Reston Griffiths: Bi Polar Version 1

Other known title(s): Bipolar

OFLC ref: 1000092.000

Medium: DVD

Director: Reston Griffiths

Producer: Reston Griffiths

Country of origin: New Zealand

Language: English

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: Contains nudity.

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 08 March 2010

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

	Components	Running time
Feature(s):	Reston Griffiths: Bi Polar Version 1	95:40
Total running time:		95:40

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is a DVD entitled 'Reston Griffiths: Bi Polar Version 1'. A shortened version of the current publication, entitled 'Reston Griffiths Edited '(OFLC: 0900944), has been previously classified as objectionable by the Classification Office. 'Reston Griffiths Edited' consists of a heavily edited selection of scenes from the current publication.

The publication has been made by Reston Griffiths as a chronicle of his life as an artist, filmmaker, and television commercial producer. The film focuses extensively on Mr Griffiths' struggle with bipolar disorder.

The primary reason for this publication receiving a restricted classification is because it exploits the nudity of a young person. One scene depicts a partially naked young person. The girl is clearly posed for the camera in a manner contrived to highlight her immature naked body. The scene depicts nudity which can reasonably be regarded as sexual in nature and could plausibly be used for the purpose of sexual arousal by a person with a prurient interest in young persons. A slightly shortened version of this scene appeared in 'Reston Griffiths Edited'. This scene was the reason that publication received an objectionable classification. While it is clear the publication exploits the girl's nudity, it also contains contextualising factors which were absent from 'Reston Griffiths Edited'. In interview footage the girl talks about her enjoyment of the experience. This interview footage has the effect of reducing, but not completely eliminating, the publication's exploitation of her nudity.

Injury to the public good is likely if this publication were made available to children or teenagers as they are likely to view it as unproblematic, particularly as the girl states that her experience was a positive one. The publication still exploits the girl's nudity to a moderate degree. It is thus likely to be harmful to children and teenagers, who are still in the process of forming attitudes and behaviours towards sexuality, as they lack the maturity to understand that the conduct depicted still has an exploitative element.

The publication also includes drug use and highly offensive language. These provide additional reasons for this publication receiving a restricted classification.